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Manufacturing, 2002 Economic Census, Geographic Area Series <http://ceic.mt.gov/EconCen.htm>

Over 18,000 workers, employed in the Manufacturing sector in Montana, earned over \$639 million in wages while producing \$5 billion in shipments. Manufacturing firms increased capital expenditures by 46% from 1997 to 2002, equaling \$220 million. Petroleum Refineries spent \$38 million in capital expenditures, representing 17% of the total. The Wood Products industry spent over \$24 million while Cement and Concrete firms spent over \$10 million.

The Wood Products subsector, which includes saw mills, veneer and plywood plants and millwork factories, employed 4,900 workers in 2002, down from 5,200 in 1997. This subsector still accounts for 26% of all employment in the manufacturing sector. The next largest employer is the Food subsector with slightly over 2,000 workers.

Two new manufacturing industries became operational during the 5-year time period. Leather Products are now manufactured in 19 Montana establishments. These plants transform hides into leather and fabricate it into such products as shoes, luggage and purses. Twelve Electrical Equipment establishments now make products that generate, distribute and use electrical power, such as batteries, fuse boxes, and insulated wire.

The Manufacturing sector (31-33) comprises establishments engaged in the mechanical, physical or chemical transformation of materials, substances, or components into new products.

For firms with payroll, the Geographic Area Series reports provide general statistics on number of establishments, receipts, expenses of tax-exempt establishments, payroll, and employment by kind of business for the state, metropolitan, and micropolitan statistical areas, counties and places with 2,500 inhabitants or more.

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